Shipping project at Kochi

246. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project report seeking sanction to establish an International Bunkering Terminal, Cruise Terminal and Ship Repairing Yard at Kochi in Kerala is pending with Government;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to accord sanction for the above project;

(c) whether the Government have permitted to create Special Economic Zones in connection with the Vallarpadam Project in Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No proposal for sanction of the said projects is pending with the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Formal approval has been given on 13.9.2004 to Cochin Port Trust for setting up of a port based Special Economic Zone at Vallarpadam and Puthuvypeen area of Cochin, Kerala. The zone is proposed to be set up over an area of about 400 acres at an estimated cost of about Rs. 802 crores.

Upgradation of highways

247. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of important Highway Sections in various parts of the country have been identified for upgradation into four-lane and six-lane highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof with funds allocated and the targeted date for completion of each section, State-wise;

(c) whether it is proposed tp upgrade the B.C.Road-Surathkal Section of the National Highway into a four lane highway;

(d) if so, the request that have been received for upgradation of the said Section into six-lane highway, as traffic on this Section is expected to increase manifold in the near future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H.MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) This Ministry is mainly reponsible for development of National Highways. The National Highways Authority of India has been mandated to develop about 18000 km of National Highways under the National Highways Development Project Phase I, II and IIIA. The details are given as under:-

Project	Estimate Cost (Rs in crore)	Likely date of completion
NHDP Phase I	30,300 (at 1999 prices)	96%by June 2006
NHDP Phase II	34,339 (at 2002 prices)	2008
NHDP Phase IIIA	22,000 (at 2005 prices)	2009

The State-wise length of highways covered under NHDP Phase I, II and IIIA is annexed as statement. (See below)

(c) Yes,Sir.

(d) No request has been received from Government of Karnataka.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

State-wise National Highways Distribution of Total Length

(All figures are in kms.)

Sl No.	State	GQ Total	NS Total	EW Total	Port Connectivity Total	Others Total	Phase IIIA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1016	763		12	83	285
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0					0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3.	Assam	0		690		10	0
4.	Bihar	206		511			0
5.	Chandigarh	0					0
6	Chhattisgarh	0				18	135
7.	Delhi	25	21			10	20
8.	Goa	0			13		
9.	Gujrat	485		634	56		0
10.	Haryana	152	183			18	167
11.	Himachal Pradesh	0	11				110
12.	Jammu Kashmir	0	448				0
13.	Jharkhand	192					75
14.	Karnataka	623	92		37		457
15.	Kerala	0	166		10		230
16.	Madhya Pradesh	0	519	119			94
17.	Maharashtra	489	276		44	17	474
18.	Manipur	0					0
19.	Meghalaya	0					0
20.	Mizoram	0					0
21.	Nagaland	0					0
22.	Orissa	443			77		288
23.	Pondicherry	0					4
24.	Punjab	0	270			20	153
25.	Rajasthan	722	30	526			186
26.	Sikkim	0					0
27.	Tamil Nadu	341	775		54	477	946
28	Tripura	0					0
29.	Uttar Pradesh	754	202	652		148	266
30.	Uttaranchal	0					126
31.	West Bengal	398		331	53		0
	TOTAL :	5846	3758	3463	356	801	4015